

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

### **Claim Status**

Applicants acknowledge the indication that claims 2 and 3 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1-3 were heretofore pending. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 2 and 3 have been placed into independent form. A new title has been provided. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

### **Response to the Rejections**

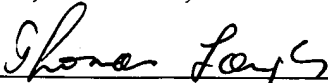
By the foregoing amendments, claims 2 and 3 have been placed into independent form, with the subject matter of claim 1 being respectively incorporated into claims 2 and 3. Since claims 2 and 3 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, independent claims 2 and 3 are allowable.

### **Conclusion**

Based on all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect and early passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to facilitate reaching a resolution of any outstanding issues

Respectfully submitted,  
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